

GLENN HAUSER'S SHORTWAVE/DX REPORT 99-46, Oct 20, 1999

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THIS WEEK ON WORLD OF RADIO 1008: See topic summary at <http://www.angelfire.com/ok/worldofradio/wor1008.html>

THIS WEEK ON VOA COMMUNICATIONS WORLD: We substitute again for Kim Elliott on VOA News Now (not the half-hour version), UT Sat Oct 23 at 0136, 0536, 1136, 1736. Script will be posted soon afterwards on WOR website

ESTE MES EN MUNDO RADIAL: Nueva emision de octubre a partir del viernes 22 de octubre en WWCR, 15685, 2115 TU. En noviembre se cambia a 2215 en 9475

** BELGIUM [and non]. RVI B-99 English Brussels Calling:
0400 11980-Bonaire to Am
0800 5985 Eu new
1230 9925
1830 Eu 5910 9925 13600; E/SAf 17695; ME 13600
2030 Eu 1512
2230 13670-Bonaire to ENAm.

All are also on Astra satellite; and on MW 1512 at 0800, 1230, 1830, 2030. Note both Bonaire relay times have new frequencies for us. No time to give the full Dutch schedule, but just a frequency list: 5910 5985 9865 9925 11690 11980 13600 13645 13670 13740 15365 17685 17695 21635 (RVI Radio World Oct 17 via Hauser, REVIEW OF INTERNATIONAL BROADCASTING)

** COSTA RICA. Publishing new program schedule has been delayed because of some changes almost every week. The latest: For rest of quarter [thru Nov??] Spiritu Sanctus, ``angelic music'' and commentary is on Sundays at 2030-2200, displacing James Bean's Spiritual Awakening to 1700 on Sundays, and at 1730 One World, One People, the show of the CR Baha'i'. These in turn displace Alternative Radio to new time of Sat 2100, along with Wed 1600 plus the usual repeats. This also means SpAw gets repeat at 0100 UT Mon where confirmed, instead of 0500. On <http://www.rfpi.org> plan soon to replace some of the old photos with new ones. You can see Debra Latham who got a media award via <http://www.peacepower.org> (RFPI Mailbag Oct 16 via Hauser, REVIEW OF INTERNATIONAL BROADCASTING)

** GUATEMALA. New station: R. Ixcan, Ixcan, operated by United Nations. Is active on FM and AM band; they plan also SW. The Venezia town headmaster relationship international Mrs Franca Bimbi, has

informed of this project of broadcasting in Guatemala (Play-DX Sept 27 via P-mail) This could be an example of Dario Monferini's wacky sense of humor; my notoriously undetailed atlas does not list any place called Ixcán, FWIW (Glenn Hauser, REVIEW OF INTERNATIONAL BROADCASTING)

** IRELAND [non]. Listing from the BBC B-99 schedule by site shows:
13640 1830 1900 smtwfss Sackville 250 277 RTE N AM
(via Andreas Volk via Wolfgang Bueschel)

That is the transmission which Joe Hanlon discovered on 13725 at present, likely same site. Remains to be seen which will actually be used for B, as this sked still has DL on 6185, not 6135, a late change, no doubt (Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1008)

** MEXICO. I listened to/taped the two nighttime airings of XEOI Encuentro DX UT Sun 0130, UT Mon 0200 Oct 17-18, with poor to fair reception on 6010. Julian and Hector were conversing most of the time, played some music, frequent ||Es Radio Mil|| jingles. Some SWBC DX tips, schedules for RN, RAI, WRMI, BBC, Taipei; ham nets, QSL Radial to someone in Michoacan. I wonder if there will be a different show each week for the rest of these October tests? (Glenn Hauser, REVIEW OF INTERNATIONAL BROADCASTING)

** NETHERLANDS. You have one more week, Oct 24-25, to hear and special -QSL the Estacion de la Alegria despedida series on RN in Spanish. I noticed the exact start time on the 0230 UT Monday broadcast on 9590 and 6165 was 0236:30 (Guillermo Glenn Hauser, REVIEW OF INTERNATIONAL BROADCASTING)

** NEW ZEALAND. There was NO Mailbox on RNZI as expected UT Thu Oct 14 at 0307 on 17675, but some other program. Nor did Mailbox appear at 0334 instead as happened once before. Has the fortnightly cycle shifted, or a screwup? DST confusion? (Glenn Hauser, REVIEW OF INTERNATIONAL BROADCASTING)

** NORWAY. Meine Anfrage heute per eMail in Norwegen - ob der KW Sender "Ukesender'n 1999 radio station of the Student Festival in Trondheim" on the Air ist:

Dear Hans-Joachim.

We are having some technical problems with the SW and MW. I can say that a driver for the Power Amplifier 'let out it's smoke'. At the moment there is an ad hoc solution to the problem, which is not very good. The station runs with 200W at the moment, but we hope to be transmitting the full 1000W we are licensed to by the end of the day.

The people who work with Ukesenderen went to the students "review"

last night, it was really fun. Looking forward to lots of concerts and other theatre-acts and all sorts of fun.

Eivind L. Hansen, Trondheim e-mail: eivinh@stud.ntnu.no

(via Hans-Joachim Koch, Niddatal, Germany, Oct 16 via Hauser, partly in WORLD OF RADIO 1008)

** NORWAY. Ayumu Ohta is the full name of the new R. Norway frequency manager... Olav Grimdalen tells me he is at work in the office of NTA in Oslo, preparing to take the reins of Olav's position.

You can give my e-mail address some PR for next week's show if you like. I'm open to anything and would take any correspondence. This is nice since I have not been on the 'net in nearly five years until just this past Friday. (I used Prodigy back then, in 1994.) Frequency management issues from listeners would be welcome. (Joe Hanlon, PA, joeswl@cs.com via WORLD OF RADIO 1008)

** PAKISTAN. Some observations on Radio Pakistan today: As mentioned on Media Network news in English noted 0800 on 17835 but weak and studio to transmitter link went off a couple of times, did not check whether 15530 was on at that time.

News in English noted 1100-1105 on 15530 and 17835, both very good levels. This was followed by news in Baluchi and sign off 1112. Checked 11570 for 1400 English news as mentioned by Glenn Hauser, strong signals but news was in Urdu.

The 1600-1615 news in English followed by news commentary is still on, noted today with strong signals on 11570 and 15465, weak on 15320. 1700-1900 World Service confirmed on 11570 and 15335, again strong signals, news bulletins at 1700 and 1800 were both in presumed Urdu. (Mike Barraclough, Letchworth, UK, October 16, WORLD OF RADIO 1008)

** PERU. Glenn, I am hearing R. Union, 6115, announcing "Tierra Fecunda" daily at 1000 UT, saying it is a 60-minute program. I haven't heard much music, mostly info talk. (John Cobb, Roswell, GA, REVIEW OF INTERNATIONAL BROADCASTING) Hum, may well be that music is not the main point of the show, just relief and fill (Hauser)

** ST HELENA. One more reminder of this year's Radio Saint Helena Day, evidently the last one unless someone gets them a new transmitter: Sat Oct 23 at 1900-2300 (or 2400?) on 11092.5 USB. Tune in by 1800 to see if another pirate appears this year (Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1008)

** TIMOR EAST [non]. BBCWS, International Committee of the Red Cross and the British Red Cross are launching a Radiolink for refugees, Tuesday Oct 19, weekdays at 1040-1055 in Indonesian on 7160, 9680 (BBC WS press release Oct 15 via BBC Monitoring excerpted by Hauser for WORLD OF RADIO 1008)

** TURKS & CAICOS. Hello Glenn Hauser. I do listen to your program on WPKN Bridgeport. Spent more time in The Turks and Caicos Islands. I love it down there. I have some radio news for you:

532 KHZ is still on the air from South Caicos. I have visited the transmitting site. It is located at an old Coast Guard LORAN station. That place once housed the Atlantic Beacon. The power is 50,000 Watts using a Nautel transmitter and a 540 FT stick. Non Directional.

On Grand Turk: the Super 1020 kHz is off the air for good. It used an Old GE Transmitter circa 1961 - a real junker. It's been off for 2 years.

There are two FM stations on South Caicos: 105.5 MHz with 320 Watts Life Radio 1 and 107.1 Life Radio 2 with 10 Watts.

There are other FMs on Provo. There's an FM on Grand Turk, Radio Turks and Caicos, 94.7 MHz.

Also you should hear the Cuban jamming in the British West Indies. It's crazy. (Saul Nowitz, Bridgeport, CT, REVIEW OF INTERNATIONAL BROADCASTING)

** U K O G B A N I. A reminder, this Thursday, Oct 21, at 0530 & 2230, Paul McCartney's Routes of Rock begins on BBC WS. (Ivan Grishin, REVIEW OF INTERNATIONAL BROADCASTING)

** U K O G B A N I. BBC's new 6135 from Delano is not yet running full 3 hours as B-99 scheduled from 0200; that is because 6135 is already used by some other BBC site for Portuguese to Africa at 0430. WS Goes off at 0400? (Glenn Hauser, REVIEW OF INTERNATIONAL BROADCASTING)

** U S A. Tuning around at 0501 UT Sat Oct 16 I was startled to hear the Star Spangled Banner on 11950. One of my pet peeves has been that none of all the private (or public) US SW stations ever broadcast our NA, and you hardly ever hear it on MW either, as most stations never sign off and those that do not operate 24h do not bother. Presumably this was WINB. At 0501 was an ID for Heritage Broadcasting System, satellite channel info, and 0503 into a typical paranoid show called Y2K News Radio, talking vaguely about having come back on the air

with a new arrangement (Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1008)

** U S A. I hear that Dave Frantz| latest bright idea is to start independent sideband broadcasting on WGTG, i.e. different programs at the same time on upper and lower. Trouble is, he is pushing the YB-400 receiver, which cannot discriminate between them! BTW I checked his 12170 Oct 13 afternoon, and with the ATS-909 which does select lower or upper sideband, I could still hear considerable audio from the upper when tuned to the lower, so his suppression of LSB is not very good (Glenn Hauser, REVIEW OF INTERNATIONAL BROADCASTING) ###